

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

DATE..... December 2, 2003
TIME..... 2:00 P.M.
PLACE..... Grand Prairie Room
County Office Building

ATTENDEES NAME

Sarah Ellison
Steve Clevenger

STAFF

Doug Poad
Brian Webber

ORGANIZATION

Chamber of Realtors and Lafayette Realtors
Citizen

TITLE

Senior Planner-Transportation
Transportation Planner

I. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 MEETING

Minutes were approved as distributed

II. FEEDBACK & DISCUSSION FROM GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Doug Poad asked if there were any additions or changes to the *Thoroughfare Plan – Identifying Stakeholders*.

There were no suggestions.

Doug asked for suggestions on increasing attendance. **Sarah Ellison** stated that the time of day probably would not affect attendance. She said that most people were too busy to attend. **Brian Weber** asked if this question should be readdressed after the holiday season, when schedules are not so busy. **Doug** stated that it could be done at the January meeting.

III. PROGRAM

Doug began the first presentation; *Reviewing the Goals and Objectives in the Original Transportation Plan*; a continued discussion from the previous meeting. He presented a short list of ideas from the last meeting that included his notes from the meeting. He stated that he reviewed the list and amended the language to better fit the topic. He pointed out and reviewed all the changes and additions he had made. **Steve Clevenger** agreed with the changes and additions. **Doug** asked for further suggestions or changes on *The Goal* portion. **Steve** suggested a change in the wording to include the inter-linking of Tippecanoe County and Lafayette. **Doug** stated that "region" would seem broader than just "the county". **Doug** agreed with **Steve's** suggestion, and said that the wording would have to be worked out. **Sarah** suggested the wording "linking Tippecanoe County, Lafayette and West Lafayette in a manner to interface with the region, state and nation." **Steve** stated that the only negative in interlinking would be when each entity would have to be separated for transportation review. **Doug** suggested "linking Tippecanoe County, Lafayette and West Lafayette with each other and the region, state and nation."

Doug reviewed the objectives in the *Original Transportation Plan* that were discussed at the last meeting. **Doug** reviewed the changes and additions in the wording made by himself and Margy Deverall. The consensus was to use the word "equitable". **Doug** suggested another way to look at this objective was not only by mode but also by area. **Brian** stated that different areas have different needs. **Steve** stated that way also fits into the use of "equitable". **Doug** reviewed the 2nd objective on the list and his ideas on changes to the wording. There were no objections to his changes. **Doug** reviewed the 3rd objective on the list and his idea on combining this objective with the last objective. There were no objections to this suggestion. **Doug** reviewed the 4th objective and stated that he reworded this entire objective. **Steve** stated that the new wording sounded much better. **Doug** explained the reason for rewording this objective and pointed out it would allow it to be more inclusive. There were no objections to these changes. **Doug** reviewed the 5th objective and his ideas on improving the wording. There were no objections to these changes. **Doug** reviewed the 6th objective and stated that he needed some help with the language. **Doug** read his suggested wording and asked if it should be further revised because it was too confusing. **Sarah** stated that it was not confusing at all. **Steve** agreed that the wording was fine. **Doug** reviewed the 7th objective and his suggested changes in the wording. **Steve** suggested the wording "with other modes of transportation" so that it was not confused with train on train conflicts. **Doug** made the necessary changes as per **Steve's** objection. **Brian** made further suggestions on improving the language of this suggestion. **Doug and Steve** agreed with these additional suggestions. **Doug** reviewed the 8th objective. **Doug** stated that there were 2 more objectives that had been added. **Sarah** suggested combining one of

the new objectives with objective #7. **Steve** agreed and pointed out that they were similar in nature. **Doug** reviewed the last suggestion.

Doug asked for further comments or suggestions on these. He mentioned there had been discussion at the last meeting on using the Vision 20/20 Plan for comparison. He stated that he did review the Vision 20/20 Plan prior to this meeting.

Brian started the discussion on *APC/Transportation Web Page-How Can We Improve?* by presenting a handout of what the webpage would entail. He stated that only a portion of the webpage was up and running, so he would show them what he could on-line. He reviewed the information that was currently available on the website. **Doug** mentioned that archives of past minutes and agendas would be available, but the MITS department did not get to that yet. **Steve** suggested an explanation of what the Citizens Participation Committee was in the hopes of raising attendance. **Brian** agreed with that suggestion. **Brian** stated that a quick and easy domain name was also needed for the site. He continued to review the information on the website and explained how to navigate the site and reports. **Brian** stated that the traffic map currently on the website was 2002, and he would work on a 2003 map as the year comes to a close, so that there can be a comparison of years. **Sarah** mentioned that the double lanes at 25 and 52 have also helped. **Brian** continued to review the traffic count maps. **Steve** asked how the boundaries were defined. **Brian** stated that there are no boundaries, because the MPO area is now all of Tippecanoe County. He explained that this map was a 1" to 2,000' scale. He stated that the Highway Department was not able to obtain some of the major counts in the County, so they had to rely on INDOT for some of the counts. **Brian** continued to review the Transportation Plan on the website. **Doug** stated that they were slowly working to get the entire Plan on line. **Steve** pointed out that 231 does not go all the way to 52, it only goes as far as Cumberland. **Doug** mentioned that this is the first time the maps were done electronically. **Brian** stated that they were currently working on getting the accident reports on the website. He reviewed the occupancy reports and the housing/building permit reports. **Brian** mentioned that as the year closes, he would be working on a 2003 reports. He reviewed the routes for 231, also available on the website and how to navigate the map. **Brian** asked for input, ideas and suggestions for the website. **Sarah** stated that they were on the right track. **Steve** stated that it was nice to have that information available on-line. **Steve** suggested having the special projects go to another page with a description and more detailed information rather than just a map. **Steve** suggested providing links to the actual project sites. **Doug** stated that they did plan on providing those links.

Doug informed the group that they planned on incorporating a feed back button for citizens to comment. He mentioned that another idea they had was to have a map of Tippecanoe County with the ability to zoom in on a specific location and for citizens to fill out a survey regarding that site. **Sarah** stated that she thought they would get a good response from that idea. **Doug** stated that they also plan to include announcements of upcoming meetings and hearings and minutes on the website. **Doug** stated that they have also thought about linking to INDOT and provided contact information for INDOT.

Doug pointed out that the APC webpage has a lot of other information available other than transportation. He reviewed the information currently available on the APC site. **Doug** mentioned that some of the items planned for the website were: the Comprehensive Plan; forms and application and instructions on how to fill out forms. **Steve** stated that this was a great start. **Steve** suggested adding the bicycle plan to the website. **Brian** pointed out that the site had a large disclaimer stating the data might not be accurate.

Doug mentioned that the staff is currently working on a large land use survey. He stated that the cities were assisting in this survey. **Doug** said that they hoped to be done collecting the data from the land use survey in 3-4 months. **Doug** stated that he has had **Brian** work on compiling accident statistics on I-65. **Brian** mentioned that mile marker 164 seems to be one of the most dangerous spots in the County. He pointed out that there are 5 or 6 road projects planned in the next few years which will only make that area more dangerous, unless they come up with a better way to warn drivers of potential problems. **Sarah** asked if they had entry and exit statistics. **Brian** stated that they had accident and traffic counts. **Doug** stated that they have whatever information the state police report. **Brian** stated that 80% of traffic at the 43 interchange is going east and I-65 is becoming a bypass. **Doug** stated that the statistics also show that I-65 is much worse in the snow or rain or when it is dark. **Doug** stated that they hoped to get some projects out of this data such as a snow fences or warning signs. **Steve** asked if mile marker 164 was south of 38. **Brian** replied affirmatively. **Steve** asked if they could determine whether an accident is caused by backup from another accident. **Brian** stated that to find that information, they would have to look at each individual report to see if a cause was listed or look at the timing. **Brian** mentioned that there are a lot of deer accidents in this area as well.

Doug asked for suggestions for the next agenda. He stated that he would ask CityBus to make a presentation at the next meeting. **Sarah** stated that she would not be able to attend the January meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

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